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## THE TOLL ROADS

Editor Athens Reporter:

Having recently driven over the road between Athens and Brockville, I feel moved to offer a few observations on the state of that particular highway. To find fault with the roads at this season, and after the kind of winter we have had, may look like finding fault with Providence. No such complaint is intended; we should rather be thankful that through the agencies of frost and rain the disgraceful ruts of the Brockville road have been broken up from the bottom. This upheaval will lead to a smoother road than has been; for when dry weather comes the loose material will pack together and form a comparatively even surface. It is time something happened to these ruts, and we should all be thankful that nature has come to our relief.

But the question is, what part are the toll-road people going to take in this good work? Are they going to leave the road to take care of itself, as heretofore, or is it their intention to do the repairing demanded by common decency? There is perhaps no more ridiculous spectacle to be seen in the Province than that of travellers stopping at the four gates between Athens and Brockville to pay toll. If at these gates travellers were halted and presented with some silver coins, there would be a reason for these gates; for, as a matter of fact, people driving over this road should receive remuneration. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

The disgraceful state of this road calls attention again to the fact that it is time for the abolition of tolls between this village and Brockville. It is a notorious fact that toll-roads are seldom or never good roads. The gates are a constant source of annoyance to the public, and, in the opinion of the writer, the work of collecting toll in all weathers and at all hours from people in all sorts of humors must be any thing but an agreeable occupation. The toll road, in fact, is almost entirely bad. It is an exceedingly expensive road—that is, expensive to the public.

There are three charges against such a road: (1) the interest on the company's investment, (2) the profits of the gate-keepers, and (3) the cost of keeping the road in repair. The public has to "put up" for all three; whereas, if the road were taken out of the hands of the company, two of these sources of expense would be eliminated. Toll-roads are also objectionable for the reason that they have a tendency, and by no means a slight tendency, to damage trade. The fact that a toll gate has to be passed is sufficient to keep a certain number of people at home who would otherwise come into town on business. This may seem an unwarranted statement, but it is true. It is the conviction of the writer that if there were any way of arriving at an estimate it would be found that the business of Brockville is damaged every year to the extent of hundreds of dollars through the existence of toll-gates, and Athens in proportion. This shortage of business is made up in other places not affected by the gates, or, perhaps, it is not made up at all. Merchants, professional men, and the public generally suffer in consequence. A free circulation of traffic is necessary to prosperity, just as the free circulation of the blood is necessary to the health of the body, and anything that impedes the free movement of traffic and intercourse generally ought to be abolished.

The charges that might be brought against the toll-road do not end here. It is time for a change. Toll roads are coming more and more to be regarded as barbarous relics of bygone days. All over the Province they are being taken over by the local and county municipalities. Why should we in this district lag behind other municipalities in the march of progress and go down to history with the unenviable record of having been the last to abolish the toll road nuisance?

I. N. BECKSTEDT.

## A LAND OF SUNSHINE

Mr. Geo. M. Patterson, son of Mrs. J. Patterson, Reid Street, Athens, is one of the many Canadians who are this season returning to the land of their birth, assured that under the British flag there is ample opportunity for the profitable exercise of their energies and investment of their capital. Writing from his home at Fort Morgan, Colorado, under date of March 29th, he says:

To my friends and acquaintances at home: Having heard such good reports of

the Calgary district, I made up my mind I should go and see for myself. I left Fort Morgan, Colorado, on the 10th of January, this year, and went to Omaha, Nebraska, from there to St. Paul, and over the Soo line from St. Paul to Portal, North Dakota, where we got onto Canadian soil. Took the Canadian Pacific Railway from there to Calgary and found we were in a city of about 15,000 inhabitants, and was very much surprised to find so large a city with such large handsome buildings and residences constructed of sandstone.

Of course, the sandstone is there and that is why it is used so largely, and the supply seems almost inexhaustible.

I think Calgary has a great future with its resources, its country and its location, and is bound to grow into a large city. The predictions are 50,000 in three years, and I believe it is destined to be the Denver of the North-west Provinces. It is bound to be a great railroad centre. The Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern and Great Northern and others will make connections with Calgary in the near future. After looking over land in different sections of Alberta, I finally bought twenty miles east of Calgary at a place called Langdon, on the main line of the C. P. R., at \$18 and \$14 per acre. I now have an interest in 800 acres about three miles from Langdon which I believe to be some of the best land I have ever seen in any country, and farmers here have demonstrated the fact that it will produce forty bushels of hard winter wheat and one hundred bushels of oats per acre, and seventy five bushels of barley.

Timothy and clover do well and they raise fine potatoes and vegetables of all kinds.

Alberta is famed for its fine climate. It is called a land of Sunshine. The air is so pure and clear, and very rarely are extremes of cold or heat experienced, and then only for a short time. No blizzards or cyclones and the winters are very mild, due to the Chinook wind which comes from the western breeze blowing over the Japanese current from the Pacific ocean. This wind comes through the gaps and passes in the mountains, which makes the winters so mild that stock runs out the year round. The soil is a rich black loam with clay subsoil, and it is so rich that the natural grass upon the prairies stands above your knees as you walk through it, and this grass is very nutritious for all kinds of stock. There are good flowing wells in the Calgary district at a depth of from 100 to 140 feet.

I saw two of those wells at Langdon, one flowing continuously through an inch and one-quarter pipe two and one-half feet above the ground and lots of water obtained here for stock purposes at about 20 feet. The whole of or greater part of Alberta is underlaid with rich deposits of anthracite, bituminous, semi-bituminous and lignite coal. There are anthracite mines within sixty miles of the city of Calgary. Some of these mines show a chemical analysis of 96% fixed carbon, which is richer than the coal in Pennsylvania and costs at Calgary less than seven dollars per ton; the bituminous and lignite very much cheaper.

I feel convinced that the Alberta country is destined to become the home of millions of prosperous and contented people. It has the climate, soil, coal, water, and is so well adapted to mixed farming, and also has a natural nearby market in the mining districts of British Columbia which enables farmers to realize the best average price for what they have to sell.

I believe a man able to buy and hold lands there is sure to make money as farms slightly improved have more than doubled in value in the last two years, and I will say in conclusion that I have no hesitation in advising all in search of a home or a place to make money to give Alberta a chance, and will be very glad to give any information I can to all inquiring friends and acquaintances. I will be in Alberta some of the time this summer, would say to all my friends at home if contemplating a trip to Alberta, would like to meet them at the Grand Union Hotel, Calgary, and address all correspondence to me at Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

GEO. M. PATTERSON.

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